



VETERINARY REPORT

On the 7th of November 2024,

I, Dr Helen Aldrich, was requested to perform a veterinary report on a dog presented to me by Inspector Rowan, who collected the dog as a surrender from 164 Dennegeur Ave, Strandfontein Village, Cape Town from a Colleen Frantz. According to Insp. Rowan, the dog was surrendered to the SPCA after multiple warnings to the owner requesting that the dog get medical treatment.

ANIMAL DETAILS

Species: Dog
Breed: Cross breed
Sex: Female, intact
Age: 3 years old
Name: Shieba
Description: Black
Case number: A51902

EXAMINATION FINDINGS

- **Description** of the condition

The dog in question presented with the following pathologies:

1. Severe crusting, hair loss and pustular changes to the nasal planum extending up the nose to encircle both eyes
2. Severe bilateral mucopurulent ocular discharge

- **Duration** of the condition

Chronic-active

- **Cause** of the condition

In my experience, this distribution is classically associated with superficial pemphigus or pemphigus foliaceus: an autoimmune condition in which the immune system forms antibodies against components of the skin cells. This causes the bonds between skin cells to dissolve and triggers growth disturbances of the skin. Secondary infection is common.

- **Prognosis** – Fair

- **Recommendation**

In my opinion this animal suffered unnecessarily as it went without critical veterinary care. Pemphigus foliaceus is a severe, painful condition that requires lifelong management with immunosuppressive medication.

Yours sincerely

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Veterinarian

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